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This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## Listing of the claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An isolated and purified nucleic acid comprising:

- (a) a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 5 or
- (b) a polynucleotide with 97% identity to SEQ ID NO: 5 which is capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to the antisense sequence of SEQ ID NO. 5 and which is overexpressed in colon cancer tissue.

Claim 15 (previously amended): An isolated and purified nucleic acid comprising the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 5.